

CLASS OF 1812

JAMES MANNING WINCHELL

Of these children (of James Winchell) James Manning was a Baptist minister in Boston. He was graduated from Brown University in 1812, and was licensed to preach by the Baptist church in North East, October 4th of that year. In June, 1813, he was ordained at Bristol, R. I. On the 14th of March, 1814, he was installed pastor over the First Baptist Church in Boston, "Where he accepted the difficult position of successor to the great Dr. Skellman." he died February 22, 1820.

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DIED: Yesterday morning, Rev. James M. Winchell, A. M., Pastor of the First Baptist Church in this town, aged 28. His funeral will be attended on Friday next, the arrangements for which will be published to-morrow.

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Yesterday the remains of the Rev. James M. Winchell, whose death was announced in our last, were interred with every mark of esteem and respect. The body was conveyed to the First Baptist Church where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Baldwin, prayers offered by the Rev. Messrs. Grafton and Sharp, and anthems performed by the choir. The congregation and the Church of the deceased preceded the corpse, which was followed by numerous members of the Baptist and other communions of this town and vicinity.

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The first pastor (Baptist Church of Bristol, R. I.) deserves more than a passing notice. His stay in Bristol was short, but he was a man of fine scholarship and unusual abilities as a preacher and the church prospered greatly under his ministrations. Mr. Winchell was a native of the town of Northeast, Dutchess Co., N. Y. He graduated at Brown University, in the Class of 1812, and the Bristol church was his first pastoral charge. He had been in Bristol a little more than a year when he received an invitation to become the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Boston. This invitation he accepted, and removed to his new field of labor very shortly thereafter. His life was a short one; he died in Boston, of consumption, February 22, 1820. Before his death he had become famous as the editor of the standard edition of Watt's Hymns. He also published two discourses on the history of the First Baptist Church of Boston. Of him Rev. Dr. Rufus Babcock wrote as follows: "It seems to me that young Winchell's manner in the pulpit approached more nearly to that of Summerfield---that prodigy of youthful loveliness---than any other that I ever witnessed. There was the same winning simplicity and naturalness in the one as in the other. Winchell's thoughts were clear, but not profound; his arrangement was so natural and lucid that the attentive hearer could hardly fail to treasure much of his discourse in his memory."

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He commenced his labors in October, 1812. The ordination sermon was preached by President Messer of Brown University.



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